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For: GEOPHONE

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A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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